

JUNE 2023 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. **Programs meet at the Houghton’s Pond Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.** Inclement weather may cancel programs. To confirm or for more information please call (857) 208-8498.

Fridays, June 2, 9, 23 & 30	KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:00 am—11:00 am Join us for nature crafts and nature facts! Each week we will feature a different nature theme and a craft on that theme. Suitable for children ages 4-10 years with an adult.
Saturdays June 3 & 17	FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION 10:00 am—11:00 am On Saturday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults. June 3 —Fire in the Hills: Forest fires have impacted the lives of humans for as long as there have been humans in these hills. Join us for discussion on the history of fires in the hills, what was done right and wrong to fight them, and what challenges climate change poses for fighting fires in Massachusetts. June 17— Volcanic Granite: Hundreds of millions of years ago the Blue Hills was a raging volcano. Join us for a geological hike on this extinct volcano and learn about the granite it left behind and how people have used that marvelous stone for hundreds of years.
Saturdays June 3 & 10	NICE AND EASY HIKING SERIES 1:00 pm—2:30 pm Looking to get outdoors and take a gentle, guided hike in the beautiful Blue Hills? Join us for our weekly series of leisurely paced nature hikes (1.5-3 miles long). Learn about nature at your own pace and make some friends along the way. All ages
Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27	FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION 10:00 am—11:00 am On Saturday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults. June 6 & 20 — Turtle Trek: Turtles are truly amazing! Many species make their home throughout the Blue Hills. On this all-ages program we will learn about turtles and their behavior, as well as how to identify different species of local turtles and maybe see some ourselves. June 13 & 27—A Murder Most Fowl: Crows are remarkably social and intelligent animals. These clever birds have long been a source of fascination and lore. See how different cultures have viewed crows throughout history and how these myths are often supported by the newest science.

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Tuesday,
June 6, 13,
20 & 27

EXPLORING THE BLUE HILLS, 2:30 pm—4:00 pm
On Tuesday afternoons, explore the lesser seen parts of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and adults.

June 6 & 20— Burnt Hill Path Hike
Explore the hidden trails behind Houghton’s Pond. About a 2.5-mile easy to moderate hike. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. **Meet at Visitor Center.**

June 13 & 27—Little Blue: Explore the western most hill in the Blue Hills, with a gentle hike to the top of Little Blue. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. **Meet at 2991 MA-138, Canton MA.**

Thursdays
June 8, 15,
22 & 29

HISTORY IN THE HILLS, 9:00 am—10:30 am
On Thursday mornings, learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible. Meets at the Visitor Center. For adults and children over 12 years.

June 8 & 22— Charles Eliot’s Dream
Charles Eliot was a dreamer. He dreamed about what public parks could be. Come explore the life and work of one of the founding fathers of Massachusetts conservation.

June 15 & 29—The Tree Army
During the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt sent millions of young men to improve and expand the parks of America. Come learn their incredible story here in the Blue Hills.

Thursdays
June 8, 15,
22 & 29

VERNAL ADVENTURES, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
Join us on our awesome adventures in the Blue Hills!

June 8 & 22— Marsh Madness: Lovely Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds and reptiles, as they make their preparations for winter. All ages.

June 15 & 29— Spring Nature Walk: See the bloom of spring and all the life that teams on a lovely, one-mile stroll around Houghton's pond. All ages.

SPECIAL HIKES

Saturday,
June 17

SE MA ADULT WALKING CLUB HIKE
1:00 pm—3:00 pm
Buck Hill Summit Hike. Moderate 3.5-mile hike with mild inclines to the scenic summit of Buck Hill. **Meet at Houghton Pond Visitor Center** at 840 Hillside Street, Milton.

